

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The invention provides arteriovenous grafts and methods for implanting the same. In one aspect of the invention, there are provided arteriovenous grafts that have a stepped down venous end. In another aspect, the invention provides arteriovenous grafts having cuffs for attachment to a target vein. The invention also provides methods for implanting arteriovenous grafts that include inserting the venous end of a graft into the target vein for positioning downstream of the venotomy site.

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